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Check-in process now streamlined

By Steve Davis

Both the location and the scheduling of check-in have been changed this year in an effort to make the process quicker and more comfortable for students, according to Tom Diggs, dean of Academic Support Services.

The scheduling change involves student appointments. Each student has been given a time and may come in from 15 minutes before until 15 minutes after that time. For example, if a student’s time is 9 a.m., he or she may go in anywhere from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

Diggs stated that he hoped this change would speed the process from an average wait last year of under an hour including time in line to 30-45 minutes this year for non-express check-in. Meeting with a financial counselor could add to that total.

Express check-in should take less than 15 minutes if the student does not have a guaranteed student loan. A loan should add about five minutes.

Diggs added that 2,000 students have registered by mail this year, doubling last year’s total. Also this year check-in will be held in the Multi-Purpose Building instead of the Fine Arts Hall.

One of the changes that Diggs said will help the students arrive is a financial counselor meeting instead of the Fine Arts Hall.

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Among the invited are Virginia Senators John Warner and George R. Freeman. More than 9,000 college presidents and some university presidents from the South, said Diggs, were included.

Between 5,500 and 6,000 students have registered for the fall. Diggs said that the Fine Arts Hall was never meant to hold the number of people necessary for check-in. On the other hand, the air conditioning of the Multi-Purpose Building was designed to keep a crowd of more than 5,000 people cool.

The move should decrease crowding and allow people to walk through quickly and comfortably, according to Diggs.

Charter Day marks new university status

More than 9,000 formal invitations have been extended to various dignitaries to attend Liberty University’s Charter Day Convocation, Monday, Sept. 9.

Among the invited are Virginia Senators John Warner and Paul Tribble, the presidents of all schools accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), various other college presidents and some selected ministry constituents.

Among those invited is June McHaney, assistant to the dean of Academic Services. Charter Day marks the first time Liberty has invited presidents of other institutions to an on-campus ceremony.

The student program was not finalized at press time, it was scheduled to contain a procession in full regalia for both the faculty and the presidents or representatives of the invited colleges and universities, a reading of the official proclamation which charters Liberty University and the dedication of the courtyard of flags.

Enrollment figures swell, testing new building capacities

By Steve Davis

More than 8,750 college and graduate students are expected to be enrolled in the Liberty University system this semester, according to Tom Diggs, dean of Academic Services.

Between 5,500 and 6,000 students are expected to enroll in Liberty University, he said. “If we don’t do another thing right between now (Aug. 9) and when the students arrive, we’ll have 5,500.”

The increase is attributed to 2,200 freshmen and 800 transfer and former student registrations.

The new Liberty University School of LifeLong Learning is expected to draw 2,000 students for its initial semester with 4,000 registered by Aug. 14. LUSSLL is limited to adults over 25 who will take college courses at home via video tape.

The Institute of Management Studies under Glen Belden is expected another 750 students.

The marked increase has forced school officials to look for new means of housing the students. Among other measures taken, four new dorms have been constructed, the age for moving off campus has been temporarily lowered to 21 and some students have been moved to hotels off campus.

Diggs gave several reasons for the growth spurt. One of these is the “vastly increased recruiting” under Len Moisan and Jerry Whitehurst. This was the first year for full-time recruiters, according to Diggs.

Also new was the schools tele-marketing system. In addition to receiving letters and materials, students who showed an interest in Liberty also received a phone call from a recruiter.

In addition to these efforts, the prestige of being a university and normal growth because of continuing efforts also have to be considered, Diggs explained.

Offering scholarships to pastors also bolstered the number. According to Diggs, this made 5,000 pastors recruiters.

Diggs also cited present Liberty students as helping with growth. “Students are a marvelous source of recruitment,” he added. “We can spend a thousand dollars recruiting a student, but if his next door neighbor is a Liberty student who only complains about the school, we’re not going to get him.”

Although the exact impact of students on recruitment is difficult to measure, according to Diggs, “We cannot be successful without satisfied students.”
Area activity offers a variety of choices

Considering the size of Lynchburg most students wouldn’t expect to find much excitement. What possibly can there be to do? The City of Seven Hills, a name frequently used to describe Lynchburg, depicts a certain aura of days gone by, but the city provides many areas of interest to the student who is willing to look.

This area of Virginia offers various activities from which Liberty Baptist College students can pick and choose. The Peaks of Otter, the Natural Bridge and Appomattox Court House are only a few of the many popular areas.

Because nice weather will not last, now is the time to take advantage of assignments to the great outdoors; wouldn’t that biology seem more alive if you studied it in its natural setting?

Traveling to the Peaks of Otter on a beautiful Saturday morning with a carload of friends can be a great way to release the tensions that all of us receive from college life. It can also give that much needed “time away from things” that helps meaningful relationships to thrive.

The Peaks offer a wide variety of activities for those to park on campus. Nestled along the Blue Ridge Parkway, they are worth the drive.

Further down the Parkway and also worth the effort is the Apple Orchard Falls. This trail is moderately rugged, but the ends do justify the means; a 40-foot high cascade awaits.

Along the trail to the falls the wilderness traveler encounters several interesting points of view as well as the beauty of an aesthetic creator.

To the east and also just as interesting is the Appomattox Court House. This quite small burg was the site of the ending of this country’s only civil war. The same area of preserved buildings is nearly the same as those Grant and Lee saw and provided an interesting time well spent.

The Peaks of Otter, Apple Orchard Falls and Appomattox Court House are within the area allowed for student travel without permission and give a day of fun and relaxation.

Mansion boasts rich history

By Jennifer Steele

In the midst of new buildings stands a 62-year-old building with a rich past. The old stone dwelling, commonly called “the mansion” and the location of the visitors information center and executive offices, Lynchburg was the site of the ending of this country’s only civil war.

The site of the fountain and tombstone in memory of aborted babies was Glass’s swimming pool, complete with a diving board.

From December 1918 to February 1920, Glass served as secretary of the treasury under the Wilson administration.

In 1943 on Montview’s glass enclosed porch, Glass, 85, took the oath of office for the fourth time in the senate. Because of illness he was unable to take the oath on the senate floor.

When Glass died in 1946 at age 88, the funeral was held at Montview. LBC bought the property from Old Time Gospel Hour in 1977. Old Time had purchased the mansion from Lynchburg resident Daniel Bowman, Bowman and his wife, Hallie had lived at the mansion for 27 years.

According to groundskeeper Cal Payne, the mansion was extensively renovated in 1977 and immediately used as a counseling center.

Macel Faulwell, who helped to further redecorate the mansion last year, said he hopes to get a $50,000 bill signed by Glass put on display in the mansion.

Orient ’85 provides service

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in Hong Kong where they experienced the worst typhoon they had ever experienced. It began as an 8 on a scale of 10 and later in the day was alerted as a 13. The students enjoyed the spectacular sights of Hong Kong, but not to mention the outstanding shopping deals.

From Hong Kong they flew to Manila where the group split again and one team stayed in Manila and worked with Eddie and Cindy Lyons’ church, Bible Baptist Church in Senta Mesa, Metro Manila. They also sang in some high school assemblies and universities.

While they were there, the city experienced the worst typhoon since 1972 with water eight inches deep in parts of the city. They were able to visit a jail where they had 24 professions of faith. The other team went on to Cebu to meet with Dr. Arm Jasavja.

The culture was different in the Philippines. The predominantly Roman Catholic society lacked the mass appeal of Korea. Both groups were accompanied by 40 nationals who helped with the counseling at the services. In the six days more than 1,100 were personally won to the Lord.

On Sunday the 30th of June Dr. Jerry Falwell, Vernon Brewer, Duane Ward and Jonathan Falwell met one of the teams in Lapu Lapu City to dedicate Liberty Baptist Church, the church built by the financial contributions of the students at Liberty.

The next day the teams joined in Manila for the combined efforts of the Gospel Alive ’85 evangelistic services. From there they spent four days in Hawaii relaxing and rejoicing in the victories God had brought on their Orient ’85 Friendship tour.

off the record

By Steve Leer

I pity the freshmen. It’s tough enough being away from home for the first time, but being at “the fastest growing college—er—UNIVERSITY in the country has got to be doubly trying.

Since I know how most of the freshmen are feeling right now (a la Muses in the wilderness), I sat down and wrote the “Off the Record Freshman Survival Manual.”

The six items that follow in- clude facts and pieces of advice that I hope will help the frenzied freshman cope with the “adjustment period.”

1. Contrary to what one might think, several hundred students have already tried to meet boyfriends and girlfriends in the dogwoods at the baseball field.

Most who have attempted this scheme on a dark, moonlit night have actually ended up meeting one of the deans for “coffee and doughnuts.”

2. Anywhere one might choose, campus is subject to a $5 parking ticket. One’s best bet is to forget about cars and take a commuter flight from Dorm 15 to the Religion Hall.

3. The smart student will wait to check his mailbox until the hourbeats of the student “helicopter” are down about 3 p.m. Of course, the really brilliant student doesn’t bother to check his mailbox at all.

4. One must avoid juggling three different times to get to class during the months of August, September, April and May. One will certainly die either of cardiac arrest or heat stroke. Or there is always a third possibility — becoming a smorgasbord dinner for a legion of gnats.

5. When attending home football games at City Stadium, always look before sitting down. Enough said.

6. To assure oneself of sunny, cloudless skies, carry an umbrella. Forgetting to do so will undoubtedly bring on the largest low pressure system in meteorological history.

I know the list is anything but comprehensive, but I hope it has provided a few helpful hints for the incoming freshmen among us.

Now for you first-year LU’ers, I have these extra elevator tickets that I’m selling at a discount price...
SGA makes plans for busy semester

Liberty University's Student Government Association plans to keep students busy this semester with assorted activities ranging from a concert series to fitness nights.

Wayne Watson will be the featured attraction Aug. 31 in the nights.

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The Liberty Champion the Film Festival Friday and Canoe Trip (Oct. 5) and a visit Dominion Day (Sept. 21), a Aug. 31.

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another bus to take new students to the Peaks of Otter and Aug. 26-27, SGA will be providing a shuttle bus to take new students to Natural Bridge. Buses will run from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a $3.50 charge for the Natural Bridge Tour.

A returning student hike to the Peaks is planned for Saturday, Aug. 31.

Also planned are a Whitewater Rafting Trip (Sept. 14), Kings Dominion Day (Sept. 21), a Canoe Trip (Oct. 5) and a visit to Monticello (Oct. 5).

"Savannah Smiles" opened up for busy semester

Saturday, Aug. 23-34. "The Last Starfighter" will be shown this Friday and Saturday (Aug. 30-31). "Starfighter" is about a young boy who gets the high score on a video game and is then transported by the games' inventor to fight in the interstellar war from which the game was modeled.


The Eagle’s Nest will move to Cafeteria 2 this year and be open every Friday and Saturday night from 8 to 11. The Eagle’s nest features food, live entertainment, comedy films and games.

Refrigerator distribution is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 31, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Administration and Dorm Circle parking lots. Rental fee is $55 plus a $10 refundable deposit.

SGA Liberty Games are scheduled for every Sunday night in the Multi-Purpose Building.

Late Skates, Late Bowls, Late Nights at Putt Putt, Private Parties at Showbiz Pizza, Fitness Markets are also planned.

It’s the beginning of another school year, and we’d like to acquaint you with a popular campus tradition — eating the best pizza in town at your local Pizza Inn.

We’ve done our homework. We know you enjoy our famous "all you can eat" buffet every Tuesday night and during lunch on weekdays. With delicious spaghetti, unlimited soup and salad from our bigger and better salad bar, and of course a smorgasbord of thin crust and pan pizza that’s sure to please.

And Pizza Inn delivers free! When you can’t come to us, let us bring your pizza and soft drinks to you. Our famous Super Sip™ is a reusable 32-ounce plastic cup filled with your favorite soft drink, for only 90c. (Delivery area is limited to protect quality standards.)

So make this a great year. And enjoy good times with your friends at your nearby Pizza Inn.
Campus building projects require teamwork

"I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat"
Welcome to Liberty University. As with most universities, Liberty features all the "major" sports — football, basketball, baseball, etc. But Liberty also has many lesser-known sports, some of which are found only at LU. Because of this, we (my VDT and I) have put together the first ever Sportsscene Guide to Liberty's Minor Sports (LMS's).

The most famous of Liberty's minor sports is the Saga dash. This event occurs immediately following Sunday night church and is especially entertaining when pre-contest rains have left race conditions slippery.

Among the more demanding of the LMS events is the "triple jump and slap." This event is staged in dorm rooms across campus at 11:15 p.m. In this event contestants attempt to leap from their top bunk to the room light switch in the one-tenth of a second it takes to "winners" if they make it to April without breaking, bruising or dislocating any major bones. Because of this, some of the best "slappers" are slow of foot but nimble of tongue.

Another of the more beautiful of the LMS's occurs only once a semester. This event is officially called "synchronized dusting" but is also known as "white glove." Dusting has also borne other, less complimentary, names but space and modesty do not allow us to share them.

Comrades, er, contestants will find more information on white glove appearing under their doors in the near future.

The LMS which best combines physical prowess and beauty, though, is probably Ice Skating in Heels. Here the natural grace and femininity of Liberty's young ladies is properly showcased.

In Ice Skating in Heels, female Liberty students attempt to walk down ice covered sidewalks and steps while wearing high heels. Stuning motions, gestures and even properly timed droll comments all go into making a good ice skater. Contestants are considered "winners" if they make it to April without breaking, bruising or dislocating any major bones.

A sister sport to Ice Skating in Heels is Team Ice Skating. Here the female team member attempts to either a) not fall down by holding on to a male's arm, or b) drag her male partner down with her.

The last sport which needs mentioning is "The Running of the Frosh." Modeled after the famous running of the bulls, this sport begins when President A. Pierre Guillermin dismisses chapel and Frosh. Instead of just reading the newspaper why not be part of it?...
Sport dominates athletes' lives

By Anthony Carr

Football players at Liberty U can be considered heroes or self-centered egotists. That’s the assessment from wide receiver Bill Kramer, a junior from Yuma, Ariz.

Many of the complaints levied against the college athlete range from the players being academically inferior to their receiving administrative favors not enjoyed by the non-athletic community.

But Kramer said that most of these accusations are unfounded once investigated.

Concerning athletes not making the grade, Kramer pointed out that all students involved in sports must maintain a certain GPA to continue playing. Added to that is the fact that they must have a certain GPA to excuse themselves from a mandatory study hall. By the way, Kramer’s GPA last semester was 3.75.

Probably the next-best known complaint about a student athlete is his ability to slip by the rules. When asked about this allegation, he explained what happens to the football players if they receive a write-up, miss a class or anything of that nature.

“A list of names for infractions of rules is read off at the end of every practice. The next morning (6 a.m.) the person has to meet at the bottom of the steps in front of Dorn 23 with his position coach for a ‘reminder session.’”

That might not sound like much, but a reminder session consists of running up and down the steps several times and then maybe running again hitting only every other step and then hopping up the steps on one foot and then again on the other foot. It tends to exhaust the body.

Kramer added that after two reminder sessions a player meets with Coach Morgan Hout to consider if he’ll remain a Flame or not.

But such discipline is what makes a Flame athlete set apart from his state college counterpart, according to another player. Linebacker Pat Hughes commented, “Coach Hout wants to win, but he wants to win the right way.”

That’s why the football player gets the write-up and the physical work-out. That’s why he is in the weight room by 6:30 a.m., at breakfast at 7:00 (required), in study hall until 1:30 p.m., at foot-ball practice from 2 until 7, at supper by 7:30, in study hall until 9:30 and prayer groups at 10:30 before then lights out — five days a week.

“It’s this rigorous schedule that tends to make the players appear in a world of their own. Kramer said that they may seem to isolate themselves from others simply because they hurt all the time, literally.

“You’ve got to understand the nature of the game is hitting. Who hits who harder is who will win the game. If you’re hit for two hours and then go to supper, would you want to talk to anyone?” Kramer asked.

He added, “But we’re smiling on the inside.”


The aggressiveness at gametime Saturday which spectators enjoy is difficult to turn off Sunday through Friday. So although students often get the idea that these players are “bullies, in actuality they are tools for witnessing on the field to what is many times an aggressive and hostile lost person.

“We don’t want sympathy,” Kramer explained, “just a little understanding.”

Williams donates to athletic complex

By Anthony Carr

Construction continues across campus as workers put finishing touches on new dorms for the more than 6,000 students at Liberty U this year and on the Arthur S. DeMoss building which will house the library, class rooms, offices and lecture halls.

The latest addition to the 1985 line of new buildings is the Sidney and William Hancock Athletic Complex being constructed on the administrative side of campus.

Dr. Earl Mills, vice-president of institutional advancement and planning, reported that the 21,000-square-foot facility will be across from radio station WRL.

The building will house lockers and showers for the football team, a weight room, turf room and training room as well as offices for football, baseball, soccer, the athletic director and the sports information office.

Mills explained that the present sports office was designed for the basketball team and will be returned to the basketball coaches. The present weight room will be reserved for indoor sports and the student body.

Mark DeMoss, administrative assistant to Chancellor Jerry Falwell, said the building is being partially funded by insurance magnate A. L. Williams, who will be present at the dedication Oct. 19. The building bears the name of Williams’ in-laws, the Hancocks.

DeMoss said the building will enhance the football program by bringing all the athletic offices under one roof.

The Flames now practice at Treasure Island, which takes about an hour per day to travel back and forth. However, before the season is over the team should be practicing on campus on the new football fields.

Coupled with the new administrative offices and a larger weight room, the whole program should become more efficient and effective.

The Hancock Building is one of the first construction sites a new student will see, and Mills said within the next four years an incoming freshman should see construction of an additional two stories on the DeMoss Building, several new dorms and a conversation center (housing the new basketball arena with enough seating for 12,000 to 15,000 spectators) and possibly an aqua building for a swimming pool.